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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

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DATA PROCESSING DEVICE WITH A SPARE FIELD IN THE INSTRUCTION INDICATING WHETHER AN INSTRUCTION IS

A BRANCH INSTRUCTION (As Amended)

Group:

2183

Examiner:

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated September 6, 2006, the period for reply thereto being extended three months by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to expire March 6, 2007, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5.

Remarks are included following the amendments.